

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A golf bag carrier comprising:

a body comprising a longitudinal axis and defining a cavity adapted to contain a golf bag with a set of golf clubs therein; and

[[a)]an adjustable and flexible helmet attached to said body within said cavity, said helmet configured to extend over and engage the top of the heads of said golf clubs, in an orientation substantially perpendicular to shafts of said golf clubs, and adapted to constrain said golf clubs from moving in a direction along said longitudinal axis.

2. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 1, wherein said helmet comprises a head portion and a shaft portion, said head portion extending substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis and said shaft portion extending substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis.

3. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 1 further comprising a helmet locking assembly attached to said helmet wherein said helmet locking assembly is adjustable.

4. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 1, wherein said body further comprises at least one sleeve within said cavity.

5. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 4, further comprising a protective member received in said sleeve, the protective member having a first free end and a second free end, said first free end configured to extend circumferentially around said golf bag and said second free end configured to extend circumferentially around said golf bag.

6. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 5, wherein said second free end overlaps said first free end.

7. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 5, wherein said helmet further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs and said protective member further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs.

8. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 5, further comprising a protective member locking assembly which engages said protective member, wherein said protective member locking assembly is adjustable.

9. (original) A golf bag carrier comprising:

a body comprising a longitudinal axis and defining a cavity adapted to contain a golf bag with a set of golf clubs therein, said body comprising at least one sleeve within said cavity; and

a protective member received in said sleeve, the protective member having a first free end and a second free end, said first free end configured to extend circumferentially around the golf bag and said second free end configured to extend circumferentially around the golf bag.

10. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 9, wherein said second free end overlaps said first free end.

11. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 9, further comprising a protective member locking assembly which engages said protective member, wherein said protective member locking assembly is adjustable.

12. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 9, further comprising a helmet attached to said body within said cavity, said helmet configured to extend over the top of the heads of said golf clubs and adapted to constrain said golf clubs from moving in a direction along a longitudinal axis of said golf bag.

13. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 12, wherein said helmet further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs and said protective member further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs.

14. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 12 wherein said helmet comprises a head portion and a shaft portion, said head portion extending substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis and said shaft portion extending substantially parallel to said longitudinal axis.

15. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 12, further comprising a helmet locking assembly which engages said helmet, wherein said helmet locking assembly is adjustable.

16. (currently amended) A golf bag carrier comprising:

a body comprising a longitudinal axis and defining a cavity adapted to contain a golf bag with a set of golf clubs therein; and

a golf club protection assembly adapted to protect the golf club shafts and the golf club heads, said protection assembly comprising [[a]] an adjustable and flexible helmet configured to extend over the top of the golf club heads, in an orientation substantially perpendicular to shafts of said golf clubs, and adapted to constrain said golf clubs from moving in a direction along said longitudinal axis, and a protective member configured to extend circumferentially around the golf bag and the golf clubs.

17. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 16, wherein said protective member comprises a first free end and a second free, said first free end and said second free end configured to extend circumferentially around said golf bag wherein said second free end overlaps said first free end.

18. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 16, wherein said helmet further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs and said protective member further comprises at least one protective layer which contacts the golf clubs.

19. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a protective member locking assembly which engages said protective member, wherein said protective member locking assembly is adjustable.

20. (original) A golf bag carrier in accordance with claim 16, further comprising a helmet locking assembly which engages said helmet, wherein said helmet locking assembly is adjustable.